The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Title and Preamble.

The question is:

"That the Title and the Preamble stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

The Title and the Preamble were added to the Bill.

Motion to pass.

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—Sir, I move:

"That the Mysore Transfer of Property (Extension to Agricultural Land) Bill, 1951, be passed."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is:

"That the Mysore Transfer of Property (Extension to Agricultural Land) Bill, 1951, be passed."

The motion was adopted.

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—May I request the Hon'ble Speaker that the Mysore Town Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 1951, be taken up at the next sitting, that is to-morrow?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes.

The Mysore High Court (Amendment) Bill, 1951.

Motion to consider.

*The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY (Chief Minister).—Sir, I move:

"That the Mysore High Court (Amendment) Bill, 1951, be taken into consideration."

Sir, this is a very simple Bill. It is mainly intended for two purposes. The House is aware that owing to the large quantity of arrears in various High Courts, a Committee was appointed with Hon'ble Justice S. R. Das of the Supreme Court as Chairman and he made certain recommendations with a view to bring down the arrears in various High Courts. One of the main recommendations was that two Judges are not necessary to hear certain appeals but that a single Judge could dispose them of with certain limitations. In Bombay and Madras a single Judge is enough to sit and dispose of appeals within the pecuniary jurisdiction of Rs. 5,000. In the Mysore High Court there is no such provision. Even if it is a simple matter involving Rs. 1,000, two Judges have to sit and dispose of cases. This has resulted in a large amount of work being accumulated and not being helpful for the quick disposal of business. So the Mysore High Court have recommended that we also should take suitable action in this behalf. So it is now intended that in all appeals where the amount involved is Rs. 3,000 and less a single Judge will sit and dispose of cases instead of two Judges according to the existing Act. That is one of the main reasons for which this amending Bill has now been placed before this House.

Secondly, in the present High Court Act, there is no provision to regulate the number of holidays that the High Court should have. It is deemed desirable that a provision in regard to this should be incorporated in the Act itself. Now Summer, Dasara and certain other holidays have already been sanctioned by Government. It is intended to incorporate it in the Act itself. This is one of the other reasons for which this Bill is brought forward.

Incidentally, the passing of the Indian Constitution Act and the application of the Central Civil Procedure Code, 1908, to Mysore also have resulted in certain amendment being brought into the Mysore High Court Act. No doubt automatically all provisions of the present High Court Act which are at variance with the provisions of the Indian Constitution stand repealed. Even so it has been thought that while amending the High Court Act in regard to certain respects, there is no harm in specifically incorporating certain amendments which will be in consonance with the Indian Constitution.

These are very formal amendments and as far as I could see, there is serious controversy in this amending Bill. I hope in the circumstances that the House will give its unanimous acceptance to the Bill now placed before it.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

"That the Mysore High Court (Amendment) Bill, 1951, be taken into consideration"

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Clauses 2 to 11, both inclusive.

The question is :

"That Clauses 2 to 11, both inclusive, stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clauses 2 to 11, both inclusive, were added to the Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Clause 1. The question is :

"That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clause 1 was added to the Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Title and Preamble.

The question is :

"That the Title and the Preamble stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

The Title and the Preamble, were added to the Bill.

Motion to pass.

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Sir I move :

"That the Mysore High Court (Amendment) Bill, 1951, be passed."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

"That the Mysore High Court (Amendment) Bill, 1951, be passed."

The motion was adopted.

Sittings on 27th and 30th the next day.

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM (Minister for Law and Labour).—May I suggest with the permission of the Hon'ble Speaker that if he pleases, the House may now adjourn for lunch and meet after half an hour ?

Sri T. MADIAH GOWDA (Bangalore District—General).—Sir, before we adjourn for lunch, I want to know whether the Assembly meets tomorrow morning or at the usual hour, that is, at One of the Clock.

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY (Leader of the House)—Usually on Saturdays we were meeting in the morning. I have therefore no objection for the House to meet in the morning tomorrow.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Shimoga District—General).—To enable us to go to our places and come back and also in view of the fact that 29th and 31st are holidays, I want to ascertain whether 30th also will be declared a holiday for the Assembly.

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I must say now alone that the Assembly may have to sit well after the 6th November. If Hon'ble Members are anxious to go to their prospective constituencies to carry on election campaign and if the House is generally of the opinion that we may not sit on the 30th and is agreeable to sit beyond the 6th of November as now scheduled, I have no objection.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Is it the desire of the House that we should sit on the 30th ?

HON'BLE MEMBERS.—No.

Mr. SPEAKER.—So, the House will not meet on the 30th.

Sri S. RANGA RAMIAH (Mysore District—General).—Will the House be adjourned ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Certainly, it will be adjourned.

SOME HON'BLE MEMBERS.—When will the House meet tomorrow ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—At 8-30 in the morning.

The House will now adjourn for lunch for half an hour.

The Assembly adjourned for lunch at Twelve Minutes Past Three of the Clock and re-assembled at Fifty Minutes past Three of the Clock, Mr. Speaker the Hon'ble Sri V. Venkatappa in the Chair.